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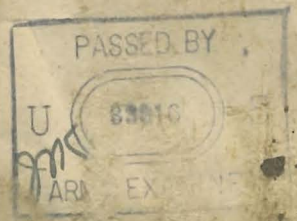

4 June 45
P.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I didn't get any mail from you yesterday, but got one from Bert & Lottie. I'm glad Bert went to N.Y. Lottie, tell Bert to call Naomi and take her to lunch, will ya'?

The rainy season has started, and it rains everyday, and I mean it really rains. The first night I awoke to find my foxhole full, and myself floating around. So I built my home on top of the ground, and sleep dry. I have no blankets now, but expect to get some soon. Now I sleep on cardboard and grass, and really can sleep too. I sleep

WITH MY CLOTHES ON. WE USED TO CATCH 3 HOURS GUARD PER NIGHT, BUT NOW CATCH ONLY 1 HR. 15 MINUTES. THAT'S BAGOOSE, AND WE ROTATE IT, SO WE GO ON AT DIFFERENT TIMES EACH NIGHT.

A COUPLE OF SERGEANTS IN MY PLATOON WERE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PLATOONS YESTERDAY. IT DIDN'T MAKE ME MAD, BECAUSE NEITHER WERE WORTH A DIME. ONE WAS TERRIBLE IGNORANT, AND THE OTHER WAS TOO SMART TO WORK, HE THOUGHT! SO I'M GLAD THEY'RE GONE. NOW I HAVE A DARN GOOD PLATOON. I'M HAPPY NOW!

WELL, I CERTAINLY HOPE FINDS THAT GIRL AND GETS MARRIED RIGHT AWAY. THEN BY THE TIME I GET HOME

MAYBE HE'LL BE RAISING LITTLE S.A.M.'S RIGHT?

I JUST HEARD THE RUMOR (DON'T QUOTE ME) THAT THE DISCHARGE POINTS HAD BEEN LOWERED TO 75 FROM 85. IF THAT'S SO, AND I HOPE IT IS, I MIGHT BE HOME FOR XMAS, AS I NOW HAVE 78 POINTS, 45, AS OF MAY 12, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 2 ADDED SINCE THEN, WHEN THEY STARTED COUNTING UP THE POINTS. SO FIX UP MY ROOM EXACTLY AS I LEFT IT, FILL UP THE CAR WITH GAS, BUY UP ALL GOOD STEAKS, BAKE A LOT OF APPLE PIES, GET 50 GALLONS OF ICE CREAM, AND I WANT A ROOT BEER AND PEANUTS! RIGHT!

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON! LOVE, HAROLD

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME A HEAT-TO STOVE, FOOD, AND SOME COCO-COLA!

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